

# DEAN G COUTRIS

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### *Theater*

##### **Adjunct Instructor, Kennesaw State University, Spring 2020**

Theatre in Society (TPS 1107)

- ♦ Responsible for implementing the syllabus and methodology developed by the class coordinator acting program.
- ♦ Integrated techniques learned from other teachers and personal experience.
- ♦ Guided students through group projects and evaluated progress based on standards of improvement and effort.

##### **Teaching Assistant, University of Houston, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019**

Intro to Acting for Non-Majors (THEA 1340)

- ♦ Responsible for implementing the syllabus and acting methodology developed by the head of the MFA acting program.
- ♦ Integrated techniques learned from other acting teachers and personal experience.
- ♦ Instructed lessons over ensemble building, physical and vocal exercises, Uta Hagan's Sense Memory exercises, Action/Objective and other techniques.
- ♦ Coached monologues and scenes for each student, and evaluated progress based on standards of improvement and effort.
- ♦ Demonstrated experience training actors using Stanislavski and Michael Chekhov techniques
- ♦ Proven commitment and ability to foster a creative and risk-taking classroom environment

## Accounting

### **Part-Time Lecturer, Cleveland State University, Spring 2015 and 2016**

- ♦ Taught Corporate Taxation and Principles of Accounting to undergraduate and graduate students.
- ♦ Responsible for developing engaging lesson plans based on the approved curriculum by the Accounting Department.
- ♦ Instructed students on subjects relating to basic accounting principles, the debit and credit framework, recognition of income and expenses, basic financial statement reporting, C and Subchapter-S Corporations, Partnerships, Non-Profit Organizations, and various tax topics such as Multi-State issues and Professional Ethics and Responsibilities.
- ♦ Tutored and assisted students with questions about course content.
- ♦ Utilized online programs, such as CONNECT to assist students with homework, tests, and quizzes, and Thomson Reuters Checkpoint for research of tax law, cases and rulings, and analytical insight.

### **Instructor – Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, September 2011 - November 2011** Basic Bookkeeping

- ♦ Instructed adult students about basic accounting principles which assisted them with their day-to-day bookkeeping functions;
- ♦ Developed curriculum from a basic bookkeeping textbook and also combined knowledge, techniques and skills learned from previous work experience, studying for the CPA exam, and from undergraduate studies
- ♦ Created a simulation where students were given source documents (check registers) and were required to move through the accounting process from creating journal entries through closing the books and compiling financial statements for external users.

## Other

### **Tutor – TestMasters, May 2019 – Present** SAT Preparation Courses

- ♦ Instructed students who were sitting for the SAT exams, specifically, the Writing and Essay Writing portion of the exam;
- ♦ Completed the training modules with other TestMasters tutors, both in-person and via webcast, in order to learn course content;
- ♦ Received feedback from students and other tutors and edited lesson plan accordingly;

### **Graduate Assistant: Undergraduate Advisor - The University of Akron, College of Business Administration, January 2012 – June 2013**

- ♦ Advised undergraduate students – both business and non-business – about course, major and career selections;
- ♦ Participated in the orientation process for newly admitted students,
- ♦ Prepared admissions and internship data tables for administrative review,
- ♦ Performed various administrative processes for the undergraduate advising office;
- ♦ Became knowledgeable about the academic requirements students need to meet in order to graduate from the University of Akron.

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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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### Theater

**University of Houston Professional Actor Training Program; Houston, TX**  
Master of Fine Arts - Theatre

**Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium**  
Certified Teacher - 2016

### Business and Accounting

**The University of Akron; Akron, OH**  
Master's of Business Administration

**Walsh University; North Canton, OH**  
Bachelor of Arts in Accounting

**Certified Public Accountant (CPA), ID #45601, March 2008 (INACTIVE 2019)**

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium Teacher Training:  
(<http://www.greatlakesmichaelchekhovconsortium.com/>)  
Certified Teacher - Module 3 ♦ 2016 University of Mount Union  
Module 2 ♦ 2015; Module 1 ♦ 2014 Kent State University

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## SPECIAL SKILLS

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Stage Combat: SAFD Recommended - Unarmed, Knife, Broadsword, R&D: Proficient – Single Sword  
Dialects: Southern US, Standard British, Spanish  
Activities & Skills: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Ping Pong, Billiards, Swimming, Juggling, Yoga, Bike Riding, Whistling through teeth  
Vocal Range: E4 – F#2  
Instruments: Beginner-level guitar  
Co-founder of Just Go With It Improv: a long-form improv troupe based in Akron, Ohio.  
<http://www.justgowithitimprov.com/>

Computer Skills: BlackBoard, CONNECT, Thomson Reuters Checkpoint, Microsoft Office, Lotus Notes, Adobe, CCH Tax Research Network, Oracle Peoplesoft, Noli Solutions